





The President's Message.

THE President's message, which was delivered to Congress Monday, is a long and prosy document, and had we gone to the trouble of publishing it, not a dozen of our subscribers would have read it. We would never have read it ourselves had it not been a matter of business, and for the sake of those who may have a curiosity as to what is in it we give a short synopsis: It commences with congratulations to the country on the peace and prosperity that it enjoys, and in the next sentence endeavors to disturb that peace by lying on the Southern people. He has the brassiness of a government mule to speak of fraud, when his own tenure of office is by the meanest fraud ever perpetrated. His suggestion that the sale of the public lands be devoted to the education of the colored people and if need be an appropriation made for the purpose, is a good one, but when he goes on to speak of Civil Service Reform, it is enough to make a little dog laugh. His theory is good, but his practice, as all must admit who recollect Order No. 1, is faulty indeed. He wants Congress to appropriate \$25,000,000 per annum for a commission to supervise a system of competitive examinations through the entire civil service, and wants "every office-holder to feel as safe as a private citizen in refusing demands upon his salary for political purposes." A complete divorce between Congress and the Executive in the matter of appointments is imperatively necessary for reform, and the idea that a Congressman shall dispend the patronage of his district must be gotten rid of. For the suppression of polygamy he demands that prompt and decided measures be taken and recommends that Congress provide for the better government of Utah. The friendly relations existing between us and all foreign nations is dilated upon and the success of negotiations with China upon the subject of restricting the immigration from that country is announced. In order to facilitate our commerce on the Pacific coast a cable to the Sandwich Islands is suggested. The President takes occasion to praise Secretary Sherman for the very satisfactory condition of the finances of the country. He states that the total amount of revenues collected for the fiscal year was \$333,526,610.98, an increase of about thirty millions over the preceding year. The public debt is put down at \$1,866,019,504.65. Over \$600,000,000 of five and six per cent. bonds are about to become due, and he thinks this a most favorable time to refund into bonds bearing a less interest than four per cent. He fears that unless the law is repealed requiring two millions in silver to be coined monthly, and unless the weight of the silver dollar is increased, that it will have the effect of making gold the single standard, and therefore asks the necessary legislation to prevent it. The cost of the Army Department for the year was \$39,924,773.03, and still he thinks that the number of soldiers ought to be increased over 25,000. In view of the distinguished services of Gen. Grant, he suggests that "an act of Congress authorizing the appointment of a Captain General of the Army, with suitable provisions relating to compensation, retirement, and other details, would, in my judgment, be altogether fitting and proper, and would be warmly approved by the country." The reports of the Navy and Postoffice Departments are given, and the latter shows the continued growth and efficiency of its service. Indian affairs are reported in better condition. Liberal appropriations for the Missouri and other rivers are urgently requested. A large increase in the sales of government lands is reported, showing the prosperous growth of our agricultural industry, and measures are asked for to stop the wasteful destruction of our public timber. He agrees with the Commission of Agriculture that the production of our own sugar and tea would be a most remunerative industry, and unites with him in a call for legislation against the pleuro-pneumonia cattle plague which so seriously affects our trade with Great Britain. The value of neat cattle exported from the United States for eight months was more than \$12,000,000, and is fast becoming a most important trade. The successful workings of the school system in the District of Columbia he says ought to suggest an extension of its benefits. He wants Congress to reclaim the marshes around Washington, and an appropriation to improve the water supply of Washington. He further suggests an appropriation for a Congressional Library, another for the completion of the Washington Monument, and still another for the support of the benevolent, reformatory and penal institutions of the District. In fact he is for the old tag and appropriations throughout, and if all his suggestions are heeded, away up will go the public debt. It must be confessed that many of his ideas are good and we give him credit for good intentions. The message is in his last public document, and in taking leave of him and it, we are free to say

that he has made a much better President than anybody expected, and that his state papers have been prepared with more than usual care and possess much genuine merit.

Hiram Berry, the Frankfort distiller who has had a good deal of newspaper notoriety of late because of his disgraceful marriage to a notorious Louisville prostitute, and his subsequent divorce from her, after paying her \$10,000 and to contest the suit, continues to get into trouble. Recently, a negro man brought suit against him for detaching his wife and alienating her affections from him. A printer named Meeks—the same who came so near being lynched at Richmond for rapping a little girl—who was in the employ of Ben Deering, of the Gazette, made oath that Deering was the instigator of the suit; whereupon Hiram and his son George, under a guise of friendship, enticed him into their office and beat him in a most cowardly and brutal manner, notwithstanding he protested that he had nothing to do with the suit. Mr. Deering will bring suit against the coward; but if he would take a shotgun and rid the country of them and their nastiness, he would likely receive the plaudits of a grateful country.

IT DOES seem to us that this hanging Electoral system ought to be either changed or abolished. It is both useless and expensive, and, as in the case of Georgia, dangerous. For the pay and mileage of the Electors of Kentucky and the mileage of Kentucky and the mileage of a messenger to take the vote to Washington, the expense is in the neighborhood of \$1,500. The idea of paying men to vote for you after you have voted yourself, and of sending a man to Washington with that vote at a cost of \$500, when a postal might answer every purpose, is just a little too absurd.

HON. GREEN R. KELLER, of the Bourbon County Sen. has declared himself a candidate for State Senator, while John P. Murray, of the Nelson Record, answers the call on him to announce himself for Senator in his District, by saying that it is too soon for such action. The one believes that it is the early bird that catches the worm; the other that the silly worm would never have been caught had it not been quite so previous. Both are good men and would do the State excellent service, besides reflecting credit on the profession which they honor.

IN New Mexico they do not tolerate mistakes by physicians. Last Wednesday Dr. Washington, who was attending a young lady for Pneumonia, gave her an overdose of morphine, from the effects of which she died. He was arrested, tried and acquitted, but a mob took him out that night and hung him. If the profession in general were held to so strict an accountability for their mistakes, their commission would be few and far between.

A LADY in North Carolina has just demonstrated that there are places and positions in which it is best not to pray. She knelt down before the fire to offer up her usual evening prayer; and so intent was she in her worship that she did not observe that her dress had caught fire until she was wrapped in flames. Then she ran for assistance, but it was too late, and she died in great agony.

NEARLY a fifth of the Congressional seats of the next session will be contested. In many cases the contests are made more for the pay than for the constant receiving during the contest, than for any legal show of gaining the seat. The successful man alone should be paid, and if Congress will pass an act to that effect, contests will not be half as numerous as at present.

THE Kentucky press is a unit in favor of Col. R. M. Kelley's appointment to Garfield's Cabinet. Colonel Kelley is a man of fine education and liberal views, and would honor such a position. All of our influence with the General, which is admitted to be very great, should be used in favor of the Colonel.

JOHN H. McARTY, of the Elizabethtown News, has been fined \$100 for publishing the Whips Lottery advertisement, but the Governor ought, and will, no doubt, remit it. The Whips bill is said to have been an especial pet of the Governor, and that he actually lobbied for its passage.

WADE HAMPTON should look out while he is in Washington. John Sherman might run up on him, some of these nights, with a murderous shotgun, and change his address from Columbia, S. C. to the place denied by Bob Ferguson.

THE Frankfort Yeoman has entered its twenty-ninth year, and under the excellent editorial management of Maj. Henry T. Stanton is growing daily in importance and interest. We prize it among our favorite exchanges.

CONGRESS met last Monday, and the members started in like they meant business. It seems to be the wish of both parties that the session be devoted exclusively to work and allow politics to have a rest.

IT IS PROBABLE that Buchanan Flood will be elected to the Senate from California. The Democrats are for him and he is able to buy enough Republicans to pull him through.

THEY say now that the four fathers of Sara Bernhardt's children are not acquainted with each other. Too improbable. Sara either introduced them or they must have introduced themselves.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—The Federal officers in Kentucky number 507.

—Richard Marsh, an agent printer, died in Lexington this week.

—Clen. W. B. Haven has been appointed Chief of the Signal Service.

—On the 1st of November 33,640,000 gallons of whiskey were in bond.

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—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue reports that the receipts of his office during the last fiscal year were \$123,981,917, an increase of \$10,532,224. To collect the above amount it costs \$4,505,941, being 3.63 per cent. The revenue collected from tobacco was \$38,870,408, and from whiskey \$50,000,000.

—The Commissioner recommends that the tax on bank checks, drafts, money orders, and bank deposits, be repealed, as the revenue arising from other sources will more than make good on the Treasury. Of the war against the moonshiners he says: "During the last four years and four months 4,061 illicit distilleries have been seized; 7,349 persons have been arrested for illicit distilling; twenty-six officers and employees have been killed and fifty-seven wounded in the enforcement of the internal revenue laws. During the past sixteen months 1,102 stills have been seized, 1,265 persons arrested, and ten officers wounded in the enforcement of the laws. While the number of stills seized and persons arrested since my last annual report is very large, I am satisfied there will be a decrease hereafter in the number of such seizures and arrests."

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—News from "on low" this week.

—Preaching next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Elder J. L. Allen.

—Died, on the morning of the 5th inst., infant child of Samuel Russell.

—Some snow flakes Wednesday morning hailed at a deluge of "the beautiful."

—A little child of Dutch Jones was badly burned at Pine Hill last Saturday.

—Another four-year's courtship ended. One more should be concluded speedily.

—The schools are closing, and the teachers are playing "freeze out" at the same time.

—Andrew, Alpheus and Colpepper are the names of post offices recently established in this county.

—At the Christian Church in this place next Sunday evening, Mr. F. L. Thompson will be married to Miss Alice Fish.

—A postal route has been established from Broadhead to Grindle Bridge. By all means, give us a route from Mt. Vernon to Seuffte.

—It is whispered that the son of a prominent farmer near town, who shortly married the daughter of another prominent farmer near town.

—F. M. Taylor, a Magistrate in the Seaford Case precinct, has resigned, and W. G. Clark has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

—Hon. J. K. McClary, of this place, has been for some weeks confined to his bed with rheumatism. His friends wish for his speedy recovery.

—An uneducated individual, name unknown to the writer, occupies the jail. He is probably happy, as he seems perfectly willing to stay there.

—An act of the last Legislature reduced the ferris toll at Greesham's Ferry. The rates are to be uniform with those charged at Tate's Creek Ferry, on Kentucky River.

—Mr. E. B. Ward, of Garrard, has rented the Greesham Hotel property at Lexington, from Mrs. Greesham for the next year at \$700. Mr. Ward and family have already taken possession. Mrs. Greesham will spend the winter with them.

—Capt. W. A. Collier, of Louisville, one of the veterans gentlemen and most popular "drummers" in the State, showed his appreciation of THE INTERIOR JOURNAL by presenting our correspondent a nice box of choice cigars last week. Long may he live.

—At the expiration of the present term of the common school of this place, its teacher, Mr. Casper Williams, will accept the position of Assistant in Prof. Lovell's school. Mr. Williams has displayed good evidence of his aptitude and efficiency as an instructor in his labors in the common school, and his connection with the Academy is a valuable acquisition. The school can but prosper.

—Geo. Tuck, of Louisville, was here last week. Sam Thompson and Hiram Thompson left here Monday morning for Glen Mary, Tenn. Mr. Tuck, Mr. McElure, B. N. Williams, J. F. Wallen and Champ Mullins are among the Laureates this week. The Laureates say "they are all interesting and entertaining." Especially the "fife," no doubt. F. L. Thompson has gone to the country for a few days to prepare a Fish net.

—Rev. H. A. Horvath is located at Walnut Grove, eight miles from Springfield, Mo. He will preach with the country and will commence teaching school the first of January at a good salary.

—Prof. Geo. H. Waters' school will give an entertainment on Thursday night, Dec. 23d. The entertainment will consist of dialogues, declamations, tableaux, music, etc., after which there will be a promenade concert and refreshments. The object of the entertainment is to raise funds for the benefit of the school building. All are invited to come and give all the encouragement they can.

—Major John Ely now dead; has been given me as authority for the statement of the fact that Middleburg stands on 100 acres of land once owned by Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the President Lincoln; that Mordecai Lincoln inherited the land from his father's estate and sold it to Christopher Rife in 1801, and that Mordecai Lincoln was an uncle of the President. Major Ely was better posted in land matters and old family histories, than perhaps any other man in this section of the country.

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—Mrs. Jesse Rife, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Abbie, and her niece, Miss Cordelia Rife, of Covington, were with friends at this place last week. We fear this is Miss Abbie's last trip during single life. Clay Carpenter made us a call last Sunday; somebody was delighted.

—Mr. Thomas J. Farmer and Miss Mary Belton were married in the parlor of the Exchange Hotel on the 29th of last month. On the 2nd of this month, Mr. Wm. Blankenship and Miss Minerva Stanton came to town bent on tying the hyphenal knot. After procuring the necessary papers they repaired to the same place where the above mentioned wedding took place, and after five minutes preparation they announced themselves ready, and in the presence of quite a number of friends were united in the blessed bonds of wedlock, after which the contrasting parties repaired to the picture gallery, and our artist, Mr. Wilkes, says that on account of their wonderful attention it was almost impossible for him to catch their shadows. But they secured their picture and went home as happy as Eve and Adam were when first introduced to each other in the Flower Garden.

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